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Sir:

This is a request to: (1) delete the Examiner's citation of U.S. Patent No. 6,374,432 to Morris against the application; and (2) ask that the Office consider citing U.S. Patent No. 6,373,432 to Rabinowitz in place of U.S. Patent No. 6,374,432.

BACKGROUND OF THE REQUEST

The claims of above-identified patent application are in the field of global positioning satellite (GPS) systems, currently classified in class/sub-class 342/357.06. On May 14, 2004, the Office issued a Notice of Allowance, which included the citation of five (5) prior art references. One of these prior art citations, U.S. Patent No. 6,374,432 to Morris, relates to portable urinals, classified in class/sub-class 4/476. This citation is clearly unrelated to the claims of the present application, owing to its vastly different subject matter and classification.

To the Undersigned, it appears that the Examiner intended to cite a patent in the GPS field rather than U.S. Patent No. 6,374,432, but that a transcription error occurred that resulted in U.S.

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U.S. Serial No. 10/670,116

Patent No. 6,374,432 being cited. The Undersigned undertook a search of all U.S. patents which have numbers that are one digit off from that of Patent No. 6,374,432. That search uncovered one patent in the GPS field: U.S. Patent No. 6,373,432 to Rabinowitz, entitled "System Using Leo Satellites for Centimeter-Level Navigation," classified in class/sub-class 342/357.16. As can be seen, the number of this patent is one digit off from that of the Morris patent, and it is in the same class as the present application. Copies of the front pages of Morris patent (6,374,432) and the Rabinowitz patent (6,373,432) are attached herewith.

FORMAL REQUESTS

(1) Applicants respectfully request that the citation of U.S. Patent No. 6,374,432 to Morris be deleted from the record in a manner that prevents it from appearing on the front cover of the issued patent for this application.

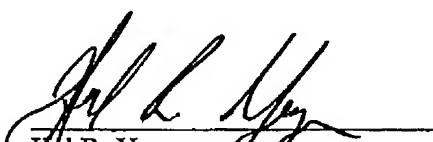
(2) Applicants respectfully request that the Office investigate whether the Examiner had considered and intended to cite U.S. Patent No. 6,373,432 to Rabinowitz in the examination of the case, and, if so, to replace the citation of the Morris patent with a citation to the Rabinowitz patent.

Applicants respectfully urge that at least the first Request be fulfilled, and that the second Request be considered if time permits. Any questions regarding the Requests may be directed to the undersigned.

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(12) **United States Patent**
Morris

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(54) PORTABLE URINAL

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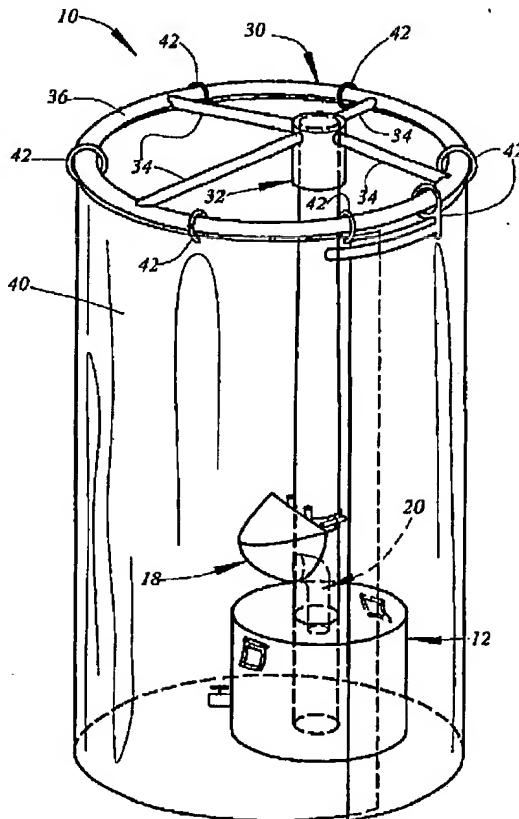
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(57) ABSTRACT

A portable urinal includes a receiving container which is secured against accidental overturning. A hollow support member extends upwardly from the receiving container. A urine receiver is mounted on the hollow support member and connected in fluid communication therewith. A curtain support fixture is mounted at the upper end of the support member and in turn supports a privacy curtain which extends entirely around the receiving container, the support member, and the urine receiver.

9 Claims, 3 Drawing Sheets





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(12) United States Patent
Rabinowitz et al.

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(54) SYSTEM USING LEO SATELLITES FOR CENTIMETER-LEVEL NAVIGATION

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(57) ABSTRACT

Disclosed herein is a system for rapidly resolving position with centimeter-level accuracy for a mobile or stationary receiver [4]. This is achieved by estimating a set of parameters that are related to the integer cycle ambiguities which arise in tracking the carrier phase of satellite downlinks [5,6]. In the preferred embodiment, the technique involves a navigation receiver [4] simultaneously tracking transmissions [6] from Low Earth Orbit Satellites (LEOS) [2] together with transmissions [5] from GPS navigation satellites [1]. The rapid change in the line-of-sight vectors from the receiver [4] to the LEOS signal sources [2], due to the orbital motion of the LEOS, enables the resolution with integrity of the integer cycle ambiguities of the GPS signals [5] as well as parameters related to the integer cycle ambiguity on the LEOS signals [6]. These parameters, once identified, enable real-time centimeter-level positioning of the receiver [4]. In order to achieve high-precision position estimates without the use of specialized electronics such as atomic clocks, the technique accounts for instabilities in the crystal oscillators driving the satellite transmitters, as well as those in the reference [3] and user [4] receivers. In addition, the algorithm accommodates as well as to LEOS that receive signals from ground-based transmitters, then re-transmit frequency-converted signals to the ground.

19 Claims, 15 Drawing Sheets

